State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2004

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SENATE BILL NO. 90

Introduced by: Senators de Hueck, Abdallah, Bogue, Knudson, and Moore and Representatives Rounds, Gillespie, Hanson, Hargens, Michels, Nesselhuf, O'Brien, Olson (Ryan), and Peterson (Jim)

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to repeal the discretion of the court to sentence persons to
- 2 the penitentiary for an indeterminate term.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That § 23A-27-37 be repealed.
- 5 23A-27-37. Whenever any person is convicted of an offense punishable by imprisonment
- 6 in the state penitentiary, the court, in its discretion, may sentence such person to the penitentiary
- 7 for an indeterminate term. Such term may not be less than the minimum sentence provided by
- 8 law for the crime of which the person was convicted, if the law provides for a minimum
- 9 sentence, nor longer than the maximum, if a maximum sentence is provided for by law. The
- 10 Board of Pardons and Paroles shall determine the term of sentence upon facts and conclusions
- 11 established by study and observation of the habits, disposition, character, conduct, and general
- 12 tendencies of the convict.

